

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated May 2, 2007.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-17 and 26-54 are hereby cancelled.

Claim Objections

All claim objections have been addressed by cancellation/amendment of the claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

All rejections under 35 USC 112 are moot by virtue of cancellation of claims 1-17.

Double Patenting

A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith, which disclaims the term of any patent granted from the present application extending beyond the term of any patent granted from copending US Application Nos. 10/815,628 and 10/913,375.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claim 18 specifies that the hydrophilic moiety is selected from an ammonium group, an acid group (including salts thereof) or a sulfonamide group.

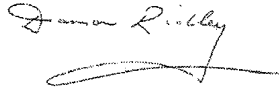
It is submitted that Albert fails to teach or suggest an IR-absorbing dye, as now defined in claim 18. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider his rejection under 35 USC 103.

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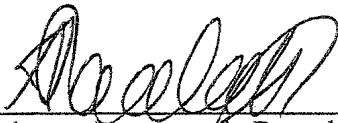
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